

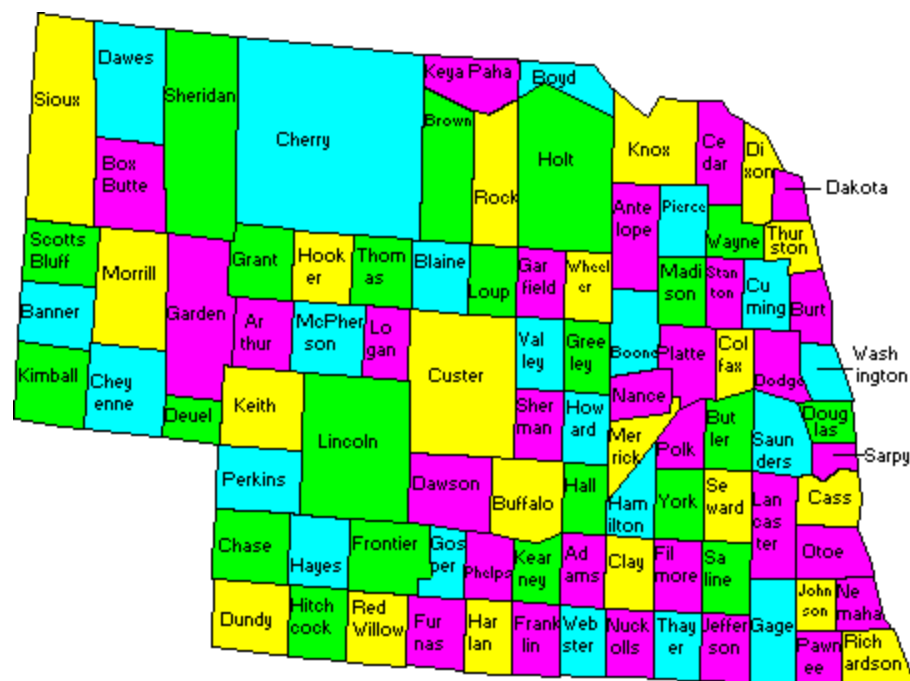
# Office of National Drug Control Policy

## Drug Policy Information Clearinghouse

### Omaha, Nebraska

#### Profile of Drug Indicators

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## **Omaha, Nebraska**

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

### **Demographics<sup>1</sup>**

- Population: 416,444 (1990 Census, Douglas County)
- Race/Ethnicity: white - 359,438; black - 45,541; American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut - 2,481; Asian or Pacific Islander - 4,086; other - 4,898; Hispanic - 11,368
- Gender: Male 200,576; Female 215,868

### **Politics<sup>2</sup>**

- Mayor: Hal J. Daub
- City Council Members (District 1-7, respectively): Lormong Lo; Frank Brown; Robert Sivick; Paul Koneck; Cliff Herd; James Monahan; Marc Kraft
- Chief of Police: Donald Carey

### **Programs/Initiatives**

- High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)<sup>3</sup>  
The Midwest HIDTA, which was designated in 1996, addresses the problems of methamphetamine use, production, and trafficking in a six-state region consisting of counties in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota. The problems of methamphetamine have exploded in this area in the past several years and violent crime has similarly increased at alarming rates. This region's location makes it a fertile environment for the production and distribution of methamphetamine. This methamphetamine is usually either produced locally or imported primarily by Mexican organizations.
- FY 1999 Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantee awarded by ONDCP and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP):<sup>4</sup>
  - \$96,016 to Westside Community Schools - District 66, Omaha
- Executive Office of Weed and Seed<sup>5</sup>  
The City of Omaha's Weed and Seed strategy is linked with the Metropolitan Drug Task Force, Metropolitan Gang Task Force, and the Midwest HIDTA. These task forces work within the target areas to combat the zero tolerance fight against drugs, gangs, and criminal activity.

### **Crime and Drug-Related Crime**

- From January to March 2000, there were 1,164 arrests for drug abuse violations in Omaha.<sup>6</sup>

Number of Arrests, Omaha, March 2000 and YTD 2000

Offense	March 2000	Jan.-March 2000
Murder/Manslaughter	3	7
Death by Negligence	0	3
Forcible Rape	3	11
Robbery	22	49
Aggravated Assault	25	71
Burglary	21	58
Larceny-theft	338	1,116
Motor Vehicle Theft	6	20
Drug Law Violations	375	1,164
DUI	230	790
Liquor Violations	142	401

- From January to March 2000, the Drug Enforcement Unit of the Omaha Police Department made 257 felony drug arrests.<sup>7</sup>

Drug Enforcement Arrests, Omaha P.D., March 2000, YTD 2000 and YTD 1999\*

Drug Type	March 2000	Jan.-March 2000	Jan.-March 1999	% Change YTD '99 and YTD '00
Cocaine	8	30	28	+ 7
Crack	39	99	101	- 2
Marijuana	7	23	21	+ 10
Methamphetamine	36	100	80	+ 25
Heroin	0	0	5	- 100
LSD	0	1	1	0
Other	3	4	5	- 20
Total Felony Arrests	93	257	241	+ 7

\* YTD = January to March

- In Omaha, Nebraska during 1999, 61.5% of the 449 male arrestees sampled and 62.2% of the 90 female arrestees sampled tested positive for drug use at the time of their arrest.<sup>8</sup>
- 94.7% of the females arrested for drug offenses tested positive for drug use.<sup>9</sup>

Percent Positive for Drugs, by Drug and Offense Type, Omaha, 1999

Type of Offense	Cocaine		Marijuana		Meth.		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	20.8	13.3	50.9	46.7	6.9	0.0	57.9	60.0
Property	27.7	40.9	49.2	40.9	6.2	9.1	63.1	68.2
Drug	38.2	57.9	61.8	52.6	18.2	31.6	78.2	94.7
Sales	42.9	--	85.7	--	28.6	--	85.7	--
Possession	39.2	57.9	60.8	52.6	17.6	31.6	78.4	94.7
Other	18.6	28.6	53.0	23.8	7.7	7.1	62.3	50.0

### Enforcement

- In March 2000, the Omaha Police Department had a total of 710 sworn law enforcement employees and 178 non-sworn personnel. The new recruit class, which began July 2000, brought the total number of sworn personnel to 750.<sup>10</sup>

### Trafficking and Seizures

- In March 2000, the Drug Enforcement Unit of the Omaha Police Department seized 47,268 grams of marijuana. From January to March 2000, they had seized a total of 52,184 grams of marijuana.<sup>11</sup>

Drug Seizures, Omaha Police Department, March 2000, YTD 1999, and YTD 2000

Drug Type	March 2000	Jan-March 2000	Jan-March 1999	% Change YTD '99 – YTD '00
Cocaine (grams)	390	1,241	14,052	- 91
Crack (grams)	94	263	1,750	- 85
Marijuana (grams)	47,268	52,184	57,913	- 10
Metham. (grams)	8,616	13,464	17,395	- 23
Heroin (grams)	0	0	609	- 100
LSD (dosage units)	0	3	1	+ 200

### Courts

- As of March 31, 2000, there is one drug court operating in Omaha. This drug court has been in existence for over two years.<sup>12</sup>
- There is also a Tribal drug court being planned for the Macy/Omaha Tribe of Nebraska. This will be a juvenile drug court.<sup>13</sup>

### Consequences of Use<sup>14</sup>

- In 1998, there were 44 drug abuse deaths reported by Medical Examiners (ME) in Omaha.
- At this time, there were 141 total drug mentions involved in these deaths.

Selected Drugs Mentioned in Drug Abuse Deaths, Omaha, 1997-1998

Drug Type	1997	1998
Cocaine	9	14
Heroin/Morphine	3	4
Marijuana/Hashish	18	12
Methadone	2	1
Methamphetamine/Speed	7	5
All other drugs	36	73
<b>Total Drug Mentions</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>141</b>

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- <sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Web site: <http://www.census.gov>
- <sup>2</sup> State of Nebraska Web site: <http://www.state.ne.us/>
- <sup>3</sup> ONDCP Web site, HIDTA section: <http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/enforce/hidta/midw-main.html>
- <sup>4</sup> Drug-Free Communities Web site: <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/dfcs/programs/99newes.html>
- <sup>5</sup> Executive Office of Weed and Seed Web site: <http://www.weedseed.org>
- <sup>6</sup> Omaha Police Department, Arrest Stats: <http://www.opd.ci.omaha.ne.us/statspage1.htm>
- <sup>7</sup> Omaha Police Department, Drug Enforcement Unit, <http://www.opd.ci.omaha.ne.us/statspage2.htm>
- <sup>8</sup> NIJ 1999 *Annual Report on Drug Use Among Adult and Juvenile Arrestees*, July 2000: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/99adltfind.pdf>
- <sup>9</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>10</sup> Omaha Police Department, Personnel: <http://www.opd.ci.omaha.ne.us/statspage1.htm>
- <sup>11</sup> Omaha Police Department, Drug Enforcement Unit, <http://www.opd.ci.omaha.ne.us/statspage2.htm>
- <sup>12</sup> Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Clearinghouse and Technical Assistance Project, *Summary of Drug Court Activity by State and County*, March 31, 2000
- <sup>13</sup> Ibid.
- <sup>14</sup> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, *DAWN Annual Medical Examiner Data*, 1998, March 2000: [http://www.samhsa.gov/oas/DAWN/98me\\_annual.pdf](http://www.samhsa.gov/oas/DAWN/98me_annual.pdf)

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